Annual Report to Donors

A Celebration of Giving
Over the past twenty years, tremendous changes have occurred in public higher education that are redefining the “college experience” and affecting the manner in which it is funded. In many respects, we are moving from “public to private,” which is placing an increasingly heavier burden on our students and their families.

At Sam Houston State University, we are embracing these challenges as opportunities, continually improving the efficiency of our operations, while raising the quality of educational offerings and helping students achieve their dream of a college degree and fulfilling career. Our Board of Regents recently approved a plan whereby a student can fix their tuition and mandatory fees for four consecutive academic years. We have also made provisions to set aside increasing amounts of financial aid scholarships to keep a university education accessible for students desiring to attend Sam Houston State.

It’s overwhelming that you, our loyal and steadfast donors, have also helped us tremendously during these changing times. In the 2012-13 academic year, I am very pleased to report that more than 11,500 donors gave to the university, which was an increase of 11.2%, and their gifts increased by 8.6% for total contributions of $10 million. More than 80%, 1,402, of our dedicated and caring employees made gifts to the university. It is gratifying to see the progress we have made - the first faculty and staff campaign was in 2000-01 with about 19% participation. That same year, all donors to the university numbered only 1,389.

The Alumni Association has surpassed the 11,000 membership mark while Life Members have reached 2,200 in number. This provides an active and vibrant alumni program that engages about 24,000 people in nearly 250 meetings and events each year. This strengthens communication, understanding, loyalty and support for our grand old university.

Together, we are enhancing the value of all Sam Houston State University diplomas and making a significant impact on the lives of our students. Your support enables us to provide the necessary academic program enhancements, internships, and faculty development that help us blend traditional classroom teaching with real-world experience, thus making our students work-force ready.

This translates into real economic and societal contributions to our great State of Texas and to those of us who live here. Sam Houston State is ranked second among 38 public universities for placing 71% of students in jobs within twelve months of graduation. The university was also designated as a “Low-Cost College with High Starting Salaries” by affordablecollegesonline.org. Sam Houston State continues a long tradition of being one of the best educational values available.

I hope you take special pride in the 2012-13 Annual Donor Report. It honors your contribution as one of the essential underpinnings of our university’s success.

My warmest thanks go out to all of you.

Dana L. Gibson
President, Sam Houston State University
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Sitting in the newly renovated dining room of Sterling Country Club at Houston National Golf Course in northwest Houston, Robert and Erin Steele reminisce about a recent vacation to Alaska, one that celebrated Robert’s “retirement.”

Before you picture in your mind a lifestyle of leisurely days with no obligations, you should know, the Steeles’ definition of retirement doesn’t adequately match the one you’ll find in Webster’s Dictionary.

Webster’s definition of retirement: the act of ending your working or professional career.

The Steeles’ definition: Owning and operating Sterling Country Club and two 18-hole golf courses at Houston National; co-owning Sterling Golf, a management company that operates four additional golf courses: Texas A&M campus course, Red Wolf Course in Houston and Golfcrest Country Club and Country Place, both in Pearland; and, co-owning Turf Technologies, the local distributor of Floratine, a line of products designed to maintain the “finest turf grass surfaces in the world” (a must-have for golf courses).

We’ll cut the Steeles a little slack on the definition discrepancy since they did recently end one aspect of their professional career when the company Robert owned for nearly 30 years, Texas Honing, Inc., was purchased by a Fortune 400 company that bought him out of his remaining shares.

When the Steeles find free time in their busy schedules, they’re still not relaxing; instead, they’re helping others.

Erin is president of the Women in Leadership Society in Pearland, which helps single mothers with children live independently; she’s on the board of Keep Pearland Beautiful; and she volunteers at their church, First United Methodist of Pearland.

Robert is also active in their church and is on the Poultry Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Together, they are strong supporters of education and Sam Houston State University, where Erin earned a Bachelor of Arts in Teaching degree in 1980 and Robert earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics the same year.

“We just feel that education can change the scope of your life and have a greater impact on your future than anything else,” said Robert.

The Steeles felt this way early in their careers. As Erin began teaching school in Pasadena and Robert began working at Texas Honing, Inc., which was first owned by his father and two business partners, they immediately joined the Alumni Association and started making contributions to various funds at SHSU.

In 1998, they formed the Steele Charitable Foundation, which today continues to award scholarships to children of employees of Texas Honing, Inc.

And in 2010, the Steeles decided to do even more for students seeking higher education, and pledged $1 million to SHSU in the form of two endowments—one aiding science or engineering majors and the other supporting students admitted into SHSU’s educator preparation program.

“I think due to our educational opportunities and the degrees we received from Sam Houston, we were able to succeed in the working world, and I feel
that we owe something to our university,” Erin said.


“The Steeles set aside their time and money to help students study the sciences. It meant a lot to me that they showed Bearkat pride, giving back to science and education majors. The scholarship helped me pay my expenses and encouraged me to want to give back to Sam Houston after I graduate and earn an income,” said Soto, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from SHSU and is now planning to continue his education at the University of Houston and study petroleum engineering.

“Receiving this scholarship means the world to me. It helps and motivates me to always keep following my dream and passion to become an educator,” said Amber Morris, who is a recent recipient of the Erin and Robert Steele Education Scholarship.

The Steeles are always thrilled to meet the individuals who receive their scholarships.

“I love the scholarship luncheons. The scholarship recipients are very enthusiastic and very grateful and professional. I’ve always admired the students and the way they carry themselves,” said Erin.

The scholarship luncheons also provide the Steeles another way to stay connected with SHSU, which is something they encourage all alumni to do.

“We have been members of the Alumni Association for decades now,” laughed Erin. “I do believe that it is important to participate in events at the university. We enjoy being invited to sponsor and participate in “Let’s Talk” and the President’s Circle. It’s always exciting to hear Dr. Gibson’s report on where the university is headed and what it has accomplished in the last year.”

The Steeles believe by taking part in SHSU events and staying connected, alumni are more willing to give back financially to the university. While they encourage alumni to dig deep and give what they can, they want to remind them that every little bit helps.

“People need to really understand how important it is to help others pay for education—at least get them exposed to higher education. Don’t be afraid to start out small with your giving and build on it. That’s the way to do it,” said Robert.

“That’s what we did when we were young. We first joined the Alumni Association and read the newsletter to stay connected,” said Erin. “I think you have to have the mindset that you want to give back and set goals for yourself on annual giving. Start out with an amount you feel comfortable with and try to increase it each year if you can.”

The Steeles have set the example for other alumni, even promoting Sam Houston any time they get the chance.

“We tell our friends whose children are investigating colleges to make sure they visit Sam Houston and learn about the degrees it offers. We are very proud of Sam Houston and our degrees,” said Erin.

Whether you are just beginning your career or are in a “semi-retired” stage of life, the Steeles encourage you to give back to the university that sets the foundation for your professional life and help students secure their own futures.

“I’ve always believed when you’ve been blessed, it’s nice to be a blessing to others. I really do believe that,” added Erin.

Sam Houston State University appreciates the generosity of Robert and Erin Steele, who are truly ambassadors for our university.
JERRY AND SANDRA STREATER

Jerry Streater, Class of ’61, and his wife, Sandra, could not think of a better way to support Sam Houston State University than by giving back to the baseball program they both dearly love.

Not only do they follow the Bearkat baseball team each year, the Streeters have established an endowment fund to provide scholarships for Bearkat baseball players majoring in any discipline at SHSU. The endowment provides one or more annual scholarships of a minimum of $1,000 each.

Prior to enrolling in SHSU as a business major, Jerry was a pitcher and played baseball and football at Navarro College on a scholarship. When he made the move to Huntsville, he gave up sports in order to work to pay for college. He and Sandra met at SHSU and married in 1958. That same year, Jerry took a job with Cameron Iron Works in Houston and continued taking night classes at Sam, earning a BBA in general business in 1961.

In 1972, Jerry started what would become a very successful automobile business, first selling Chevrolets and motor homes, and then ultimately becoming part owner of Streeter-Smith Nissan and Honda in Conroe. Jerry has remained connected with SHSU, serving as a board member of the SHSU Alumni Association for two years and serving as a host of the Share the Vision Capital Campaign event in Montgomery County in 2007.

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MELISSA, TUCKER AND BABS BLAIR

The Blair family proudly calls Sam Houston a “family tradition.” Tucker Blair, Class of ‘75, his wife, Barbara “Babs” Blair, Class of ‘72, and their daughter, Melissa, Class of 2000, are all Life Members of the Alumni Association.

Tucker earned a degree in general business and has enjoyed professional positions in agriculture, banking and finance. He retired in 2012 after 22 years of service as credit manager for CenterPoint Energy. Tucker and “Babs” financially support the College of Business Administration at SHSU.

“When I attended Sam Houston, the business curriculum was informative and helped develop business applications that I continue to use today,” said Tucker. “Babs and I give because during our time at SHSU, the staff was always available and cared about the well-being of the students.”

Melissa has worked her way up through several levels of management, ultimately becoming district support manager for First Convenience Bank-South Texas Region.

“SHSU gave me the opportunity to develop and maintain an aggressive, yet fair business sense,” said Melissa.

The Blair family hopes their donations will contribute to the success of future SHSU students.

The society commemorates the historic significance of the building that was completed in 1890 and destroyed by fire in 1982. Revered as a traditional symbol of the university, its foundation footprint is maintained.
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Patricia O’Kane may officially be a New Yorker, but Sam Houston still feels like home to this 1973 graduate.

Patricia chose to attend SHSU because she liked the home economics program it offered, and it was close enough to visit her mother in Houston on the weekends. Her mom and younger brother, however, moved to New York during her freshman year at Sam Houston. So, after earning a degree in home economics education, she immediately moved to New York. She wanted to be close to her family and her fiancé, whom she met during a visit to New York.

She married her husband, Hugh, the following June and taught home economics on Long Island for four years before becoming a stay-at-home mom to their four children.

Patricia and Hugh supported the university’s Share the Vision Capital Campaign and continue to support SHSU’s Annual Giving Campaign.

“We do not designate where our contribution goes. We feel that it will be used wherever there is the greatest need,” said Patricia.

Patricia and Hugh also support the annual SHSU Alumni event in New York City.

THE AUSTIN HALL SOCIETY

The society commemorates the oldest building on campus, dedicated in 1851 for Austin College with Gen. Sam Houston in attendance. A group of Huntsville citizens acquired the building and donated it to the state in 1879 to open Sam Houston Normal Institute.
Tom Mitchell, Class of ’48, earned a degree in government with minors in history and economics because he loved reading. He has said that these were the three areas with the most intense reading, which he affectionately refers to as “legal science.” Even today, he continues to emphasize how important reading is, regardless of the choice of careers.

Tom and his mother moved to Huntsville when he was only four years old, after his father passed away. His grandmother, Nancy Allen Mitchell, was well known by the students of Sam Houston Normal Institute, as she provided room and board in her home on University Avenue until 1928. Her home was later known on campus as the Mitchell House.

Because his family had such strong ties to Sam Houston, Tom stayed in Huntsville following his high school graduation and enrolled in his hometown college. He says that in retrospect, it was exactly where he needed to be at the time. While attending Sam Houston, he worked for Beatrice Craig in Estill Library, whom he adored for all the time. While attending Sam Houston, he worked for Beatrice Craig in Estill Library, whom he adored for all the time.

Not all his memories of attending college are of work and studying, however. He remembers starting college in 1943 in the middle of World War II. There were 400 girls and 99 boys enrolled at Sam Houston. He said that it was never hard to get a “coke date”—an outing where a gentleman would take his date to the local establishments to buy her a Coca Cola and then take her home…at a very respectable hour.

Like so many other young men of the time, Tom served his country in WWII and then continued his education with the help of the GI bill at the University of Texas-Austin, where he obtained a law degree. He feels that his foundation from Sam Houston prepared him well and enabled him to be accepted in UT-Austin’s law school.

He began working at a law firm in Houston and soon met and married Dorothy Lee Pribilski. He later teamed up with another attorney to form a new firm where he worked until his retirement in 1996. He and Dorothy have three children and continue to live in Houston but have a second home in Huntsville.

Since his retirement, Tom has utilized his “amateur musician” skills by performing in a Dixieland Band every Wednesday night at Lafayette Cajun Seafood Restaurant in Houston.

Tom and Dorothy support the Alumni Association and Sam Houston Museum. They also give to theatre and music at SHSU because they are always impressed with the talented students. They credit Penny Hasekoester with doing a wonderful job with the students, and the Mitchells receive a good feeling knowing that their gift to Sam Houston State University helps students further their education.
THE HARRY F. ESTILL SOCIETY

The society commemorates the university leader who served as president for 29 years, longer than anyone in Sam Houston State history. Among his many achievements, the curriculum was expanded and the first baccalaureate degree was awarded in 1919.

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DAVID AND CAROLE WILSON

David G. Wilson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Sam Houston State University in 1958. He chose to attend Sam Houston because several of his friends and his high school vocational agriculture teacher told him it was a “friendly campus with a great agriculture department.” He soon found out it was true.

One of David’s fondest memories of his time at SHSU was meeting his future wife, Carole Anderson. After graduation, they got married and returned to David’s hometown, Troup. David began working at, and eventually owned, the family business, Troup Feed & Farm Supply. He also worked with his father in the family cattle business. In 1990, he sold the feed store and “semi-retired.”

He remains active on numerous boards including the Chamber of Commerce board in Troup.

He and Carole have now been married 54 years. They support Sam Houston because several of his friends and his high school vocational agriculture teacher told him it was a “friendly campus with a great agriculture department.” He soon found out it was true.

“I hope my gifts are used for better equipment for the agriculture department and teaching staff,” said David, who feels privileged to be a continuing part of SHSU.
The society recognizes donors who contribute at least one dollar for each year of the university's existence during the past academic year. On September 1, 2013 the minimum gift requirement for society listing increased one dollar to $134 for the university's 134 years of service.

The Anniversary Society

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KELLY DARDEN JOVANE

Kellie Darden Jovane, Class of '01, understands first-hand the importance of giving back and supporting scholarships. She attended SHSU and earned a degree in finance with the help of the Smith-Hutson Business Scholarship.

After graduation, Kellie worked for Dow Chemical in Midland, Mich., as a financial analyst and cost accountant for two years until she moved back to Houston and became a real estate appraiser. She is now a partner in her own appraisal company, Market Elite Appraisals in Houston.

Kellie married Rick Jovane in 2003 and has two children, Gabriella and Cristiano.

Kellie gives to the College of Business Administration because the scholarship she received while attending Sam Houston completely paid for her education.

"I am very proud of my school and want to help SHSU stay a leading education source for the next generation. I am also very grateful for the opportunities I had because of the Smith-Hutson Scholarship and want to help those who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend college to have the same opportunity," said Kellie.

Kellie has given for six consecutive years to the College of Business Administration at the Anniversary Society level.
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Edward Coffey gives back to SHSU in memory of his late wife, Joan Coffey, who was an associate professor in the history department from 1990 until her death in 2003. Joan graduated from Barat College in 1965 and 20 years later began graduate studies in history, ultimately earning a master’s degree and doctorate from the University of Colorado-Boulder.

In 1990, Edward and Joan made their move to Texas as Joan began her teaching career at Sam Houston State University. “Joan developed a love for SHSU not just as an institution, but as a gathering of dedicated and caring people who were enormously supportive of her in confronting and dealing with her long years of struggle with cancer that eventually took her life,” said Edward.

Following Joan’s death, Edward requested that people who wished to remember Joan make contributions to the Dr. Joan L. Coffey Endowment Fund. The fund provides scholarship assistance to graduate students who are currently teaching history at the secondary school level or higher or studying to become a teacher at such levels.

“Joan and I began, and I continue, to carry out our desire to give to SHSU because it provided Joan an opportunity to complete her academic career that spanned 30 years,” said Edward. “I intend to carry it on through my planned gift.”
After graduation, both Charlie and Wayne enjoyed lengthy careers with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Charlie retired after 23 years of employment, and Wayne retired after 21 years.

Wayne and his wife, Kelly, support the General Fund at SHSU, so that the university can decide where to best use the donation.

“I am proud to be a Bearkat and would like to see Sam Houston continue to grow and improve as a highly recognized and respected institution,” said Wayne.

Charlie and KayKay give to the Annual Fund for Excellence and support the Jim Stevens Information Technology Endowed Scholarship. KayKay is one of the associate vice presidents in Information Technology at SHSU, and the Jim Stevens Scholarship is awarded to a student who works within that division.

“We hope that our gift is used to promote and expand SHSU. We also hope that students who receive the scholarship we support will one day be able to give back and help other students who have financial needs,” said Charlie.

Charlie’s and KayKay’s son, Dalton, is now attending SHSU, becoming a third generation Bearkat.
I hope to help others obtain an education at Sam Houston State University,” said Leslie King, Class of ’79, who is a Life Member of the Alumni Association and gives back to the College of Business Administration.

The only thing left for a parent to give a child is an education.
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Joe T. Davis, Class of ’60 and ’61, wanted to be a history teacher since he was in seventh grade. His decision to continue his education at Sam Houston was an easy one when he was offered a music scholarship in the Bearkat Marching Band. He was president of the Bearkat Marching Band and Alpha Chi.

One of his favorite memories at Sam Houston was marching with the band in total silence at football games before erupting into the fight song.

After graduation, Joe spent 37 years doing exactly what he wanted—teaching. He first taught government at SHSU, and then spent two years in the U.S. Navy before spending 35 years teaching American and Texas history at Wharton County Junior College. Joe has also written eight books on legendary and historic towns of Texas. In 2004, he was named “El Campo Citizen of the Year.”

Joe donates to the Annual Fund for Excellence. “It’s an endeavor that appears so successful in terms of upgrading faculty, programs and facilities,” he said.

Joe and his wife, Kathy, live in El Campo and have three children and six grandchildren.
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Monte (Van) Sillers
Scheri (Sikes) and
William L. Stephens
Nancy (Curnutt) and Travis Stone
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Gena (Adkins) and Gary P. Turner
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Stacy (Williams) Wagner
Rita (Willame) and David Watkins
Richard E. Watts

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SHSU Annual Report to Donors
When Carolyn Faulk, Class of ’70, puts her mind to something, she typically doesn’t accomplish her goal—she surpasses it!

After accepting a board position with the SHSU Alumni Association, Carolyn teamed up with like-minded SHSU graduates and business owners to form the Bearkats in Business group. The purpose was to enhance business opportunities with fellow Bearkats and promote Bearkat pride.

The first social networking event took place in Carolyn’s Uptown Houston home. The gathering took on an athletic theme with special guests and Hall of Famers, Elvin Hayes, Elvin Bethea and Milo Hamilton. More than 170 alumni showed up and raised more than $200,000 to support SHSU athletic programs.

“I was honored and privileged to be a sponsor for this reception. I firmly believe it is through giving that makes our beloved university successful. Now, more than ever, philanthropic funding is essential to sustain this important legacy,” said Reuben Tamez, Class of ’90 and ’94, director of Internal Audit, Oceaneering International.

Cindy Marion, Class of ’81, president and CEO of MMI Agency, contributed the design and printing of the invitation and event materials.

“It’s impressive to see how many SHSU grads have built incredibly successful careers and businesses. It was a treat to get to interface with professionals I have not had a chance to meet before, discovering we were linked by our educational foundation gained at Sam Houston.

MMI Agency was pleased to help sponsor this event. We felt we were able to allow alumni to uncover what a large network of impressive and successful SHSU grads there are active in the Houston business community,” said Cindy.

Kyle Lehne, Class of ’94, vice president of sales and marketing, Sun Coast Resources, Inc., was thrilled to participate and agreed the Bearkats in Business social was a win-win for everyone who attended.

“There have only been a handful of times since I graduated that have given me the satisfaction and day I received my degree from SHSU. I want to be connected and involved. Bearkats in Business allowed me to network and connect with other alumni,” Kyle said.

“I like the idea of connecting with Bearkats in Business and for all to learn about SHSU academic and athletic success updates provided by Dr. Dana Gibson. The reason I will continue to take part is because of my confidence in the current SHSU leadership and the growing recognized value of our university,” said Chuck Beckner, Class of ’71, Peterson Beckner Industries, Inc.
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To learn more about how you can support 2014 Houston Area Bearkats in Business, contact the Office of University Advancement at 936.294.2402, or visit bearkatsinbusiness.com.
Gayle Rosebrook Reynolds, Class of ’63, was simply following in her sister’s footsteps when she decided to attend Sam Houston State University. Just three months prior to earning a degree in English and a minor in art, she married her husband, Rex. Immediately after graduating, she began teaching third grade in Friendswood and the following year had their son, Mike.

Gayle taught school until 1978 when she decided to take over bookkeeping responsibilities at Pacer Alloys, Inc., the business she and her husband opened four years earlier.

In 1996, Gayle and her husband bought a corner store in Galveston and opened The Water’s Edge Studio and Gallery LLC. Gayle paints in oil and watercolors, and Rex builds wooden dories and tall Adirondacks. In 2000, they moved to Galveston but kept a condo in Houston where they stay when they are working in town.

Gayle gives back to the English department. “I hope other students will be helped by anything we can give and that Sam Houston will continue to grow as a university,” said Gayle. “Others helped my husband while he was at A&M, so now it is our turn to do whatever we can.”

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WHY I GIVE

MAX SCHLATTER

Max Schlatter, Class of ‘47 and ‘53, supports SHSU’s College of Education and has contributed to numerous other Sam Houston programs over the years, including athletics, journalism, music, dance and the Alumni Association.

After graduation, he was recalled to the Navy during the Korean War where he organized and operated the Naples, Italy school for NATO children. He later served as a teacher, principal and superintendent in several Texas school districts. He retired after serving as executive director of the Education Service Center, Region VI in Huntsville. He now lives in San Marcos with his wife, Janet.

Max is proud that his grandmother, Emma Daniels Chamberlain, graduated in 1984 from Sam Houston. He gives back in hopes of helping young people receive an education and become “useful members of our state and country.”
JENNIFER AND JOHN GARRETT

John Garrett, Class of ’97, and wife, Jennifer, Class of ’99, live by SHSU’s motto: “The measure of a Life is its Service.”

After graduating from SHSU and working for a short time in Houston, the Garretts returned home to the Austin area and started their own company called Community Impact Newspaper, which has now grown into the largest distributed newspaper in Texas. More than one million copies are published in 15 Austin, Houston and Dallas/Ft. Worth area communities.

They credit their time at SHSU for impacting the success in their business.

“The leadership skills we gained from being involved in organizations on campus have been invaluable to our careers,” said the Garretts.

The Garretts give to Alumni Enrichment, Bearkats in Business, Athletics and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. They provide internships to journalism students and are joint-Life Members of the Alumni Association.

“There are many non-profits that we support, but giving to your alma mater is special,” they said. “It reminds you where you came from and allows you to repay the financial sacrifices others made in the past and pay it forward to the next generation of Bearkats.”
TOP 5 CLASSES BY PARTICIPATION

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Danny Billingsley

Danny Billingsley, Class of ’72, enjoyed a 30-year career with the Harris County Sheriff’s Office after earning a degree in political science from Sam Houston State University. During his time with the sheriff’s office, he served as a deputy, detective, sergeant, lieutenant and chief deputy.

He chose to attend SHSU after leaving Vietnam and being discharged from the Air Force in 1968, mostly because he grew up in Huntsville and his mother and older brother were alumni. He received loans and grants while at SHSU, which he said made life “much easier.”

“My education at SHSU helped give me a life that I could only dream of. Alumni ahead of me helped make that possible, and I think it’s important that every graduate give back to those behind us,” said Danny.

Danny gives to the L.B. and Ragna Lynn Billingsley Scholarship in honor of his parents, as well as to the athletic program. He is also a Life Member of the Alumni Association.

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Danny now lives in Houston County, where he and his brother own and operate a company that finances horse and livestock trailers.
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## External Giving

Restricted funding received through The Office of Research Administration for which there is an expectation on the part of the sponsor for performance, deliverable or outcome.

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In the fall of 2011, the Annual Giving office initiated the Senior Class Legacy campaign to bring awareness of philanthropy and cultivate a culture of giving among students. A small student committee was formed to work on the program, which is a year-long initiative to promote giving among senior students. It allows seniors to join together and raise funds for a scholarship to be awarded to a fellow student, while leaving a lasting impression on campus.

“Participation in the Senior Class Legacy is what’s most important. Imagine the impact the students could make if every senior made a gift of $10 or more,” said Meggan Thompson, assistant director of Annual Giving and coordinator of the Senior Class Legacy campaign. “The goal of each new class campaign will be to surpass the previous class in participation.”

A little more than $1,000 was raised by the Class of 2012 and a scholarship was awarded the following year. The Class of 2013 has raised more than $3,000 with more than 200 seniors participating and will award multiple $1,000 scholarships. The Annual Giving office hopes to reach students before they graduate and talk about the importance of giving back, hoping that after graduation, they will continue their annual support as alumni.

SENIO R LEGACY COMMITTEE CLASS OF 2013
(L-R) David Carraway, Melva Gomez, Amanda Koska, Mairead O’Hara, Brittanney Avery, Gabby Martin, Maria Hernandez, Meredith Mohr and National Champion. (not pictured) Brittany Moore and Whitney McGowen

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Betty Houchin Winfield, Ph.D.

Betty Houchin Winfield, Ph.D., gives to SHSU to honor her grandmother, Reba Baldwin Bock. Reba Bock was one of the first female elected officials in Walker County, serving as county treasurer from 1924–1940. She helped scores of young people go to SHSU by providing housing and finding jobs.

Winfield established an endowment in honor of her grandmother to assist SHSU students in their work for a degree and expand their efforts in community engagement to make a difference in Walker County.

“My grandmother was a strong, confident woman who impressed me with her abilities and efforts. When I lived with her as a nine-year old one summer, a number of SHSU graduates came to see her. She was so proud of them and stressed the importance of higher education,” said Winfield. “I hope to expand her progressive view of improving the community by helping others.”

Reba Bock was a widow who worked hard to make sure her children attended Sam Houston.

Anonymous
Stephanie A. and Janet J. Abernathy
Jonathan and Geneva Aboites
Rudy and Tisha Acosta
Rebecca Adair
Joe B. and Mary H. Adams
Kenneth Adams and Debra Peppers
Paula W. and Ronnie L. Adams
Stacy C. Adams
Tom and Crystal Adams
Dennis and Brenda Ahslishager
William and Terri Ahslishager
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Randy P. and Beverly A. Albers
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Francis Aleman
Benny P. and Wanda K. Allen
Rodney and Gloria Allen
Jimmy L. and Janis B. Allison
Steve and Sally Allison
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Frank L. and Carol L. Cascio
Roy L. and Sandra B. Casey
Norman and Virginia Castenson
Stuart Castleberry
Carl J. and Sandra H. Castoreno
Joy Carzas
Jason Cavness
John J. and Jana C. Certa
Kirby and Terri Chadwell
Donald and Elizabeth Chambers
Jann T. and Martha M. Chandler
Lawrence Chappell
Norman and Phyllis Chatman
Cheryl Chlam
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Edward L. Coffey, Jr.
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Sam Houston State University’s annual Face to Face Scholarship Luncheon brings scholarship benefactors and recipients “face to face” for a special opportunity to meet one another.
Tess Johnson

Tess Johnson, Class of ’95, is director of Criminal Justice eLearning at Sam Houston State University. She worked at Sam Houston when she was a student and returned to take her current, full-time position in 2002. She also earned a Master of Education degree in 2005.

Tess gives to the Criminal Justice Freshman Scholarship. “I love my college and hope that my donation helps a student get through their first year with a little less to stress about,” she said.

Tess is a first generation college student who knows first-hand that students need financial and emotional support. She hopes her gift is used so that someone can complete his or her education.

When Tess is not working at SHSU, she is spending time with her family.
Jesse Bernal

Jesse Bernal is the director of New Student Orientation at Sam Houston and is also a proud alumnus. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in radio/television broadcast journalism in 2004.

Jesse serves on the FORWARD Committee, the Student Recruitment & Retention Committee and is chair-elect for the SHSU Staff Council. In addition to his responsibilities as director of New Student Orientation, Jesse enjoys teaching University 1301, SHSU’s freshman seminar course.

Jesse has given to the FORWARD Scholarship Fund, which is a fund for students who have been foster children, orphans or wards of the state. He also gives to the radio/television program in addition to other areas on campus.

“I give and continue my support of the university because it is my way of saying ‘thank you’ for the services and support it’s offered me,” Jesse said.
First National Bank of Huntsville, Huntsville’s only locally owned, full service community bank, is proud to say it has been associated with Sam Houston State University for more than 122 years. Many of the bank’s shareholders, directors, officers and employees are alumni; and since its inception, the bank has had many SHSU students as part time employees.

First National Bank of Huntsville supports Alumni Enrichment, Golf Enrichment, Bearkat Champions and Smith-Hutson Banking. The bank continues to coordinate the annual Lu Ellen Gibbs invitational golf tournament, which started in 1987, with proceeds going to the Lu Ellen Gibbs Golf enrichment and scholarship endowment.

“By supporting SHSU, we hope to help the university maintain its commitment to excellence for the students it serves. In addition, the state funding for universities has been declining as a percentage of revenues, while expenditures and the need for financial assistance have been increasing,” said Sam Burris, Jr., chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer.

“We appreciate the university for the great job it does in attracting, retaining and educating students. We also appreciate the impact it has on the local economy and the quality of life in Huntsville and Walker County. We hope the gifts are used to the ultimate benefit of SHSU students and our community.”

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HONORING THEIR DAUGHTER’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LOVE FOR MUSIC

JIMMY AND LINDY MILLER

Jimmy Miller, Class of ’77, and his wife, Lindy, Class of ’79, have accomplished many things since graduating from Sam Houston State University. Lindy taught in public school for 28 years, followed by teaching preschool at her church, working in the church, staying involved with the PTA and coaching numerous soccer and swim teams.

Jimmy started working for Texaco after graduation, which led to several other oil company positions, and then to his current position at Cobalt International Energy in Houston.

Jimmy was the first member of his family to earn a college degree, and he did it by working full time to pay his way. The Millers now hope to help SHSU students offset the cost of their education.

They started a scholarship in honor of their daughter’s accomplishments and love for music. Kristen Miller Jackson earned a music degree from SHSU in 2006 and now teaches middle school choir. The Jimmy and Lindy Miller Scholarship in honor of Kristen Miller Jackson is awarded to a senior choral music education major currently in their semester of student teaching.

“Music majors have extra expenses that we didn’t realize—lessons, buying music, the annual state conference and concert attire,” said Lindy.

“This scholarship can be used to help with these needs.”

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IN MEMORY - BRITTANY AVERITT

The parents of Brittany Averitt have established an endowment in memory of their daughter, who was a senior criminal justice major at Sam Houston at the time of her death on February 2013.

Brittany Lynn Averitt was born in Corsicana Texas on July 6, 1990. After graduating from high school, Brittany attended Navarro Junior College before transferring to SHSU. Just three months before she was to receive her degree, Brittany died in a car accident near Corsicana.

Known by family and friends as “Bitt-Bitt,” Brittany was described as a fun-loving person who knew no strangers and loved her family and friends more than anything. Her parents, David and Yolanda Fite, established the Brittany Lynn Averitt Criminal Justice Scholarship Endowment that will assist students for years to come and allow Brittany’s passion and memory to live on forever.

Since the inception of the endowment, more than $30,000 has been given in Tribute Gifts.
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Walter and Minnie Bennett Scholarship

Walter Hugh Bennett Sr. passed away on June 5, 2013 at the age of 75; Minnie Margaret Bennett passed away on July 24, 2011. She was 69 years old.

Walter graduated from SHSU in 1961 with a degree in sociology. While attending Sam Houston, he met and married Minnie and had one child, Walter Bennett Jr. ’93.

Walter continued his education at Sam Houston, earning a master’s degree in sociology in 1962 and later receiving a doctorate from Mississippi State University. In 1970, he became an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at SHSU, and in 1973, accepted the position of acting chair of sociology. From 1974 to 1994 he continued as chair of the department. He retired in 2010 and received recognition in 2011 as a College of Humanities and Social Sciences Wall of Honor recipient.

Minnie earned a degree in elementary education from Sam Houston in 1962. She taught public school for 35 years and was recognized as an “Outstanding Teacher” in 1997.

More than 70 gifts have been given in memory of Walter and Minnie Bennett to benefit The Walter and Minnie Bennett Scholarship. A recipient of this scholarship must be a full-time undergraduate student enrolled at SHSU and majoring in sociology.
You don’t often think about SHSU’s Department of Dance without thinking of Dana Nicolay and his wife, Betty.

Dana accepted a teaching position at SHSU in 1987 and continues to teach a wide variety of courses in dance. Betty has taught Pilates, ballet, modern dance and folk and social dance forms at SHSU since 2007.

While the Nicolays share their talents with students at Sam Houston, they also “give back” financially in the form of a scholarship in honor of their dear friend, Jonathan Charles.

Dana met Jonathan in 1975 at the Kansas Dance Festival at K-State. Over the years, their friendship grew, as they continued to have so much in common. They soon both had young families and were trying to figure out how to continue their artistic careers and raise children.

A few years later, Jonathan moved his family to Huntsville so he could work on his Master of Fine Arts degree. He stayed at Sam following graduation, becoming an integral part of the dance department and musical theatre program.

By the time of Jonathan’s death in February 2013, the Nicolays had formed a bond that Dana says can never be duplicated.

“The shared times build inner harmonies that cannot be replaced. Johnny will always be with me in my deepest inner sanctuary of friends,” said Dana.

The Nicolays could think of no better way to honor Jonathan Charles’s memory than by establishing a scholarship endowment for an outstanding dancer majoring in dance or musical theatre with a dance emphasis.

Jonathan Charles Scholarship Endowment for Dance
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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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Gifts to the university may be made using stocks and bonds. Donors may have greater tax incentives to make their contributions using highly appreciated securities. It is the normal policy for Sam Houston State to sell securities as quickly as possible to ensure the value of the original gift.

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Many companies or their foundations will encourage their employees to make gifts to universities through a matching gift program. This is an excellent opportunity for donors to double or triple their support for Sam Houston State University. Usually, a donor secures a matching gift form from the company and sends it to SHSU with a gift for us to certify receipt of the contribution. If you are not certain whether your company has a matching gift program, please contact your human resources department.

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Contact Information
Sam Houston State University provides a broad range of giving opportunities to fit the needs of donors as well as the university. Our development staff stands ready to work closely with you to determine your needs and how they might best benefit the university. Please call the University Advancement Office at 936-294-3625 and ask to speak with a development officer. Thank you.
CHANCE AND KATHERINE BROWN

“My wife, Katherine, and I wanted to help give students the same opportunities that were afforded to me while I attended Sam Houston. When the opportunity to do so in the new Entrepreneurship Program came along, it was a perfect fit. We believe that entrepreneurs are the drivers of the American economy and want to kindle that spirit at SHSU.”

Chance Brown received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing in 2000. As the first person in his family to go to college, Chance showed up at Sam Houston without a clue of what college life meant. Looking back, it was the opportunities that “Sam” gave him, both in the classroom and extracurricular, that allowed him to succeed after graduation.

It is his hope that the Chance and Katherine Brown Scholarship for Entrepreneurial Studies will help launch the next generation of business owners.

WHY I APPRECIATE IT

“I cannot begin to explain how I felt when I was chosen to receive the Chance and Katherine Brown Entrepreneurial Scholarship. Receiving this scholarship caused me to review my current achievements and use them as fuel to propel me to my ultimate career goals. Along with encouragement, the scholarship provides me with the support I need to continue my education. When I am a successful alumnus, my first priority will be to give back.

Thank you, Chance and Katherine Brown for giving selflessly and generously to my academic endeavors.”

LEAH RICHARDSON, SENIOR, ENTREPRENEURSHIP